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Brandis Airfield

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29 August 1952

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REMARKS

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1. On 19 and 20 July, there was no air activity at Brandis airfield. On 22 July, night flying was practiced. A red light was observed at the firing range and a white one in the hedge at the west end of the runway. A flare path was set up along the northern edge of the runway. Several white lights were at the take-off point and a searchlight was on either side of the runway farther to the east. These lights illuminated the runway when a plane approached for landing. (1) On 23 and 24 July, no flying was observed at the field. On 24 July, the noise of running engines was heard from the hangars. There was no flying on 27 July.
2. A change of personnel occurred in connection with the transfer of MiG-15s and the arrival of Li-2s. [redacted] the air units at Altenburg and Brandis airfield were exchanged. All the soldiers observed wore black-bordered blue epaulets. German laundry women were again employed at the field.
3. Between 19 and 28 July, 30 Li-2s and 2 U-2s were stationed at the field. (2) No radio installations were observed. The radio installation on Kohenberg had also been removed. (3)
4. Between 2:15 and 6 p.m. on 30 July, no flying was conducted at the field. Twin-engine planes with set position lights practiced flying between 9 p.m. and midnight. A rotary searchlight at the field was in operation. Throughout the day, 7 or 8 twin-engine aircraft with single rudder assembly were parked at the field. No jet fighters or cargo gliders were observed at the field or in the air. (4)
5. A Soviet officer who wore silver epaulets with two stars and a blue stripe about 1 cm wide, blue cap band, black visor, a red star without a border, and an insignia representing a crossed wrench and hammer was observed in Brandis. (5)
- Comments.
- (1) [redacted] only individual air training was conducted by 12 Li-2s during the night of 23 to 24 July between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. [redacted]
- (2) The air transport regiment in Brandis which had been stationed in Altenburg prior to 10 July 1952 is believed to be equipped with about 36 aircraft.

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- (3) The radio installations belonged to the fighter regiment which was stationed in Brandis prior to 10 July and, on 11 July, was transferred to Altenburg. The radio installations were moved to Altenburg where they were probably re-erected.
 - (4) The considerable decrease of Li-2s when compared with observations made during the period from 19 to 28 July 1952 is noteworthy. aircraft of this air transport regiment in the area east of Berlin on 6 August 1952. It is possible that components of this regiment were temporarily transferred to the area east of Berlin.
 - (5) The officer probably was an engineer officer.

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